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**Statement from San José Mayor Chuck Reed  
Regarding the October 30 Earthquake**

I and the members of the City Council are all very thankful that last night's 5.6 magnitude earthquake resulted in minimal damage and little disruption of City services.

I want to thank our San José firefighters, police officers, dispatchers, and other emergency services personnel who ably handled the increase in calls following the earthquake that occurred at 8:05 p.m. Additionally, City staff from all departments have been assessing facilities and quickly responding to the needs of our residents and businesses.

Our City was fortunate that this was a moderate earthquake. We are very lucky to only have experienced such temporary inconveniences as having to re-shelve the 300,000 books estimated to have been dislodged at the Martin Luther King Jr. Main Library. We've received reports of broken window glass and cracked plaster, but far fewer than might be expected.

Tuesday night's earthquake was an important reminder that we all need to be prepared. Residents and businesses need to plan ahead for a disaster. Keep a 72-hour supply of food, water, and medications on hand. Create a family emergency plan. When disaster strikes, our first responders will be responding to the biggest emergencies, and you may need to be self-sufficient for a few days.

The City of San José has been working hard to help residents prepare. Our San José Prepared program provides classes and has useful information online. Visit <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/emergencyServices> online or call (408) 277-4595.

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